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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: BATES, Darryle Group Art Unit: 3725  
Serial No.: 10/647,942 Examiner: JONES, David B.  
Filing Date: August 26, 2003 Docket No.: 24685-98  
Title: TUBE BENDER AND METHOD OF USING SAME

M.S. AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner:

Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, receipt of the Office Action dated March 22, 2004.  
The three-month period for replying to the First Office Action expires on June 22, 2004.  
Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Please review the subject application in view of the following remarks.